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Upper Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

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I expect that most of my generation will live to be around a hundred years old. There are already 12,000 people in the UK aged over a hundred and it’s predicted that by the year 2060 that number will have risen to about one million.

**2**

I think people will be interacting with intelligent machines even more than they do now. I read this article about things called chatbots which are programs that can hold intelligent conversations with people in chat rooms on the Internet. These programmes already exist.

**3**

I don’t think global warming is going to be the problem that everyone says it is. By the middle of this century I think humans will have discovered ways to control the weather. If you think about it, the benefits, commercial and otherwise, are so great – for agriculture, for stopping natural disasters and so on – that it’s only a matter of time before someone works out a way.